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## This Week



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**TOO MUCH WEALTH  
SOME STARVE, SOME DON'T  
TOO MANY DUCKS  
—AND A LITTLE MORAL**

Certain interests connected with power companies that want to control water power carry on systematic misrepresentation as regards the value of irrigation.

Demand for irrigation influences votes for Government control. Hence the attack on irrigation, destined to redeem millions of acres, the most fertile in the world, and to add tens of billions to the wealth of the nation.

Farmers know that even where it rains irrigation can improve the crop values.

It is shown that in favorable localities, under irrigation, two crops of potatoes can be raised in one season instead of one. In addition to doubling the size of the crop, a season's irrigation more than doubles its value by bringing in the first crop much earlier and getting higher prices for earlier potatoes.

This column has already described the alfalfa ranch of the Hodge Brothers on the Arizona desert, where rain rarely falls.

The land there, year in and year out produces seven crops of alfalfa per year under irrigation, more than nine tons to the acre. The total cost of electric current for irrigating one hundred and fifty tons worth \$28 a ton is \$260. Any farmer knows the profit in that kind of farming.

Mrs. Mary Harrington, of Mahony City, Pa., had several children. Her husband, a coal miner on strike went to look for work in another town. She gave her children what food she had and she died of hunger.

One advantage is with the mine OWNERS—No matter how long a strike lasts mine owners, their wives and children never starve. That's an advantage, yet pushed too far, it can become a disadvantage.

When told that the poor had no bread, Marie Antoinette wondered "why they did not eat cake." Later she and her husband stopped eating via the guillotine. She was only a poor fool.

An able statesman of her time suggested that the people eat grass. The people stuffed an month with grass when they carried his head around on the end of a pike. It is well to remember these things, even in happy, prosperous days.

F. G. Bonfils in his able Denver Post, tells of truck farmers in the surpassingly rich San Luis Valley asking the Government to protect them against too many wild ducks. Farmers plant miles of pea fields for canneries. Wild ducks, like a cloud, eat the peas.

The ducks will be annoyed when R. G. Parvis, Colorado Game Commissioner, carries out his plan and sends a snorting, humming airplane up and down the San Luis Valley frightening the ducks from the peas.

Can you imagine the rage of those ducks when they see that new bird, looking to them as big as a mountain, bellowing and roaring at 100 miles an hour up and down the valley?

That's better than in the old days before the French Revolution, when miserable peasants watched deer eat their crops and wild boars root up their gardens, helpless because noblemen wanted the pleasure of killing these animals and would not let the peasants touch them.

That is one of many things that brought on the French Revolution. To avoid revolutions, make the masses contented. Give them something to live for.

That is done here by manufacturers of radio apparatus, automobiles, moving pictures. The fact that a revolution might break up the movies, and disturb the broadcasting stations would make the people hesitate.

Boone's first circus of the season! The world's greatest amateur carnival event will be given at the court house Thursday evening March 4. Come, see the fattest baby in captivity—clowns, animals and amusing stunts.

## SAYS CHARM OF NEW PARK REGION DEFIES ANALYSIS

The forested and shrub covered mountains in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee, which the federal government proposes to set aside as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, has a charm that defies analysis, says Horace Kephart, noted writer on these mountains in a recent article in the Charlotte Observer.

"Many a year have I wandered back and forth over the Smokies," Mr. Kephart writes, "often going alone for days on end without seeing a human being. I have passed the same places scores and scores of times. But never in all these journeys have I come a second time to any gleam or brook or summit without finding there something new. Never have I followed a trail through the tall forest without wondering what I should find at the next turn. Always there is something new growing on the old place or moving over it."

"Do you wonder then that we who live in the Smokies and who have worked so hard to protect and preserve their loveliness—we who are fighting the commercial interests that would, if let alone, destroy the virgin charm and adorable beauty of God's masterpiece—that we should now be elated by the almost certain prospect that the nation will soon adopt this region and preserve it forever as a national park."

"What is the secret of that charm, the fascination of the Smokies, which lingers so lovingly in one's memory when he is away and lures him so irresistibly to return?" Mr. Kephart asks, and then as if to answer himself, he says:

"I have often pondered over it but I confess it defies analysis. In part, however it is due to the superb and wonderfully varied forest primeval that covers the Smokies with living verdure to their very summits.

"Bare rocks may rise to awe-inspiring heights, they may be sculptured by nature into striking forms they may be touched by the elements and colored by atmospheric changes, they may be robed in snow and jeweled with glittering ice, they may be majestic in calm or terrible when the tempests rage or when avalanches thunder down the slopes; but bare rocks are never lovable. The stony bosom is cold."

"But when the mountain framework is covered with trees and shrubbery and flowers, grasses and ferns and moss, which harbor an infinite variety of animal life, then every peak becomes a personality itself endowed with the graces and warmth of life. Their nature is our mother and we love her."

Mr. Kephart described his conversation with Robert Sterling Yerd, a widely known authority on national parks and the secretary of the National Parks Association, on the subject of the proposed Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He met Mr. Yerd, he said, at Asheville and was told by Mr. Yerd that the Association had directed him to visit the proposed park area and determine whether it came up to the national park standard, or whether it had merely been overrated by local pride. Mr. Yerd declared that he had been skeptical that even the fulsome recommendation of the members of the Southern Appalachian National Park Association—that the Great Smokies be included in the national park group had not convinced him fully that the mountains were on a footing with the Yellowstone, the Yosemite or Grand Canyon parks of the west. He visited the proposed park area and Mr. Kephart said to him:

"Well you have just returned from the Smokies. You have seen them. Are you skeptical?"

"No," he replied with some emphasis, according to Mr. Kephart's account of the conversation. "Kephart I have found something in the Smokies that is unique, something that no other park possesses. I do not mean just scenery, though in that respect the Smokies have all that the Commission claims for them. I mean something that not only delights the eye, but that wins the heart. There is a charm in the Smokies that defies analysis."

"How does it affect you?" Mr. Kephart asked Secretary Yerd.

"In this way," Mr. Yerd replied. "Some other regions may have more extraordinary, more awe-inspiring features. But when you have seen one of these wonders of nature, such as a geyser, a glacier, a lofty pinnacle or a profound gulf, why—you have seen it. You don't care to go back again to see the same show over again any more than you would pay admission to see a theatrical show the second time. But the Smokies lure you back. You want to return and linger there. You love them. My wife and daughter and I were so overcome with affection for the Great Smoky Mountains that we are going to come back and build our summer home here."

## SPELLING CONTEST

1. Spelling list—A list of words for the spelling contest will be made up from the state adopted text books in spelling used in the county schools plus a supplementary list to be sent to the schools in preparation to the contest.

2. Time and place of preliminary or county contests.

The time of the county contests will be left to the county superintendent, but must be concluded by April 20th, and names of winners certified and mailed into the Journal office by April 23. No contest should be held however before the first of April. These dates include the local school contests and county contests as well. The county contests should be held at the county seat. Two sets of winners should be selected at the county contest, the boy and girl making the highest grades from the rural schools and a boy and girl from the town and city schools.

3. Time and place of final contest.

The four winners in the county contest are expected to present themselves for the finals in Winston-Salem on the date to be designated later. This date, as far as possible will be selected to suit the convenience of all concerned.

4. Manner of holding all the contests.

All words used in the contests are to be dictated, and are not to be repeated more than once, and the contestants are to write the words down, and present their papers at the close of the contest for inspection and correction. The local teachers may certify the names of the winners to the county superintendent, who in turn will certify the names of the county winners for the finals.

This contest is financed by the Winston-Salem Journal. If any teacher would like to enter your school for the county contest with a view to entering the final contest at Winston, let me know at once so I can make the necessary arrangements.

SMITH HAGAMAN,  
Co. Supt.

## ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Sunday School is making progress. The church membership is less than 30. The Sunday School attendance averaged 32 for the month of January. A contest between the Reds and Blues was staged a week ago last Sunday. At that time the attendance was 34. Last Sunday the Reds defeated the Blues. But the total attendance was 58. Our goal for next Sunday is 60.

The Lutheran Sunday School attended the preaching service and everybody was delighted to have them with us at both services.

Elder R. N. Baldwin, pastor of the church, will preach at Foscoe Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at the Christian Church on the subject, "Who Made the Universe?"

By special request of the church at Foscoe Mr. Baldwin is putting on a series of sermons combating the theory of Evolution. He has given much time and study to the arguments on both sides of this question and is prepared to present his views, which are non-sectarian, but at the same time a clear-cut defense of the Bible, to any community which may wish to avail themselves of his services.

The Sunday morning sermon will be about "Paul Preaches in Ephesus." At night he will preach on "The Fight Against Strong Drink."

The Advent Christian Church desires to recommend these sermons in advance as being worthy of the time and attention of every one who can spare the time to hear them.

## THE LAST CALL

For Woodrow Wilson Memorial  
To the many friends of our late President Woodrow Wilson I wish to say that I am making the last appeal for this fund, as the campaign will close on the 28th of February. It is earnestly hoped that each one will send in their contribution at once if they have not already done so, as the Treasurer Mr. G. P. Hagaman, of Boone, will send the contributions to Staunton, Virginia some time next week. Hoping that a goodly number will have in their offerings on time I am, with very best wishes,  
Yours faithfully,  
J. M. DOWNUM,  
County Chairman.

Everyone declares Mr. Kephart, who has once climbed up into the high Smokies, away back from the highways and railroads into the wild Eden that remains there in all its primitive majesty experiences the same feeling, the feeling which Major W. A. Welch of the Federal Park Commission expressed when he said of these mountains: "Nowhere else in all the world is nature so much my mother as in the Great Smokies. There I rest in her bosom and am satisfied."

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Friday Afternoon Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. L. G. Greer on February 19th. In spite of the threatening weather quite a few members were present. Mrs. Russell Hodges and Miss Pridgen were invited guests.

After a short time of sewing Miss Stanbury and Mrs. Dougherty gave interesting sketches pertaining to St. Valentine's Day.

The guests were invited into the dining room where Dan Cupid held sway. The room was a cob web of hearts and after finding your name on an arrow you still had to trace your heart. This proved to be such fun, and each was rewarded by a charming verse.

On re-entering the living room we found tables had been laid. The beautiful oriental covers and quantities of narcissus transformed the room into a veritable oriental garden. When all had found their places a delicious salad course with accessories was served. This was followed by a fruit frappe, cake and coffee.

Later in the afternoon each guest was asked to see how many words they could make from the word "Heart." Miss Pridgen was successful in this and received an attractive prize.

Soon each guest was making her way homeward after a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. John F. Hardin will entertain the club at the next meeting on the 5th of March.

## BROOKSIDE LOCALS

Mrs. C. H. Howell who recently underwent a very serious operation at a Hickory hospital, and for some weeks has been under the care of Boone physicians, was brought here Sunday. Glad the wife and mother has been blessed to return to her family again.

By the way Mr. Joe Blackburn who has been visiting his parents at Brookside, made a long lonesome trip from Chicago in his Ford car, but he will not be lonesome when he returns next week, for by his side will sit a beautiful little black eyed wife, who will make Joe forget all about mud while they sing, "As we go marching on."

Mr. W. N. Howell has been suffering very intensely with some trouble with his eyes but is some better now. His failure to be present at the last meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was due to his eye troubles.

Z. T. Watson left Monday for the Green Valley, where he goes to cut loops and twirl ovals in his school of penmanship. He taught a term of 10 days there last February and the young people decided they wanted to make further progress in the fine art.

A series of meetings has been in progress for the past two weeks at South Fork Baptist Church. Rev. Hughes of Raleigh doing the principal part of the preaching.

Rev. Thomas Robbins music teacher of Stony Fork, recently closed a 23 days singing school at Pilot Mountain Church. The young people made fine progress during the term, and have organized a regular choir to meet each Sunday at the church.

The Elkland High School will close Tuesday night February 23rd, with appropriate exercises. When the state highway is built by the way of Todd, the children representing the Consolidated school should be furnished a conveyance by the way of Todd, the children representing this Consolidated School should be furnished conveyance by the Counties of Watauga and Ashe, as it has been a shame how the pupils have pulled themselves out of the mud on the way to and from school.

After many weeks of snow, mud and high winds the blue birds have come to tell us the winter is past, and the time of vine and flower is drawing nigh.

## BETTER

(James M. Downum)

It's nice to live by the side of the road. And be a friend to man. It's best to walk with the man in the road. And help him all you can.

It's nice to show them the way to the spring. Where all may quench their thirst. But nicer yet the water to bring. And thus be helpful first.

It's nice to sit by the side of the road. And see the crowd go by. It's better to help them bear the load. And ease the heavy sigh.

Many may sit in such quiet ease. And wish the crowd so well. But who will bring to them sweet surcease. And make their glad hearts swell?

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN INTERESTING MEETING

On the third Monday night of this month, being the 15th of February, there was a very interesting meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at the Critcher Hotel. The program was in charge of the faculty of the State Normal Professor Kent first called on Professor Logan, who made some very interesting and timely remarks. At the conclusion of his remarks, Dr. Rankin was asked to discuss the relation of the school to the town. His talk was very interesting from every viewpoint. Then Professor Greer was asked to discuss the relation of the town to the county. He suggested many things that we should do, all of which should be carried out. At this meeting we had 26 members present and those who stayed at home certainly missed a great treat.

The Chamber of Commerce is the medium through which everyone in town may speak his sentiments on any subject he may choose. If the schools in the town are as good, as big and as perfect as it is possible to make them, don't attend the Chamber of Commerce. If the streets in the town are as wide and as hard and as dry as you would like to see them, don't attend the Chamber of Commerce.

If the merchants and business men have all the business they have time to do, and have no time to wait on additional customers, don't attend the Chamber of Commerce. If the banks have all the money they can loan and their deposits are just what they would like for them to be, don't attend the Chamber of Commerce. If the Sundays schools are as large as we would like to see them, and the morals of the town have reached a point where they cannot be improved upon, do not attend the Chamber of Commerce.

In other words the Chamber of Commerce was organized chiefly for the purpose of making Boone a bigger, better and brighter town to live in. All other live towns have live Chamber of Commerce meetings and interesting programs. The live towns in North Carolina are the towns which have the largest attendance at the Chamber of Commerce meetings. Every town in North Carolina is growing worse or better every day, is becoming more sightly or more unsightly every day, is growing bigger and better or smaller and worse every day. Which way will Boone grow? It will grow just the way that people who live in it make it grow. Think over these things and if you are interested in the town that is furnishing you three meals a day, let's meet at the Critcher Hotel sharply at 8 o'clock on the first Monday night in March, being the first day of the month, and hear Professor B. B. Dougherty discuss the rates for light and power in Boone. He would be glad to see all the patrons—in fact everyone who uses light and power at his meeting. He will tell the cost of the plant, the cost of operation the revenue from the town and the school, and will make a suggestive proposition to sell the lighting business to the town. We will have some good singing at this meeting led by Professor L. G. Greer. We are also expecting a colored quartet of the town to be present. This subject is one of great interest to everyone in the town, so we urgently request you to be present and bring your pocket full of questions which we will have Professor Dougherty answer.

W. H. GRAGG,  
President Chamber of Commerce.

## METHODIST NOTES

According to reports there were 615 people present at Sunday School last Sunday in Boone. The Baptists led with 284 present; the Methodists had 238, and the Adventists and Lutherans had 58 and 35 respectively. About half of the people of Boone attended the Sabbath School. Pretty good report but let's improve it.

Both worship services were well attended Sunday. The women are now leading in attendance at the night services.

Prof. J. A. Williams made an instructive and interesting address to the Epworth Leaguers Sunday evening. Another good program will be on next Sunday.

Good news comes to us last week when we discovered that work on the new streets of Boone will begin soon.

Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:45.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.

Epworth League 6:45.

Wednesday prayer service and choir practice 7:30 p. m.

Misses Virgie Reeves and Ruth Mc Millan spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Payne of Cove Creek.

Carter and Zeb Dickson of Ashe county have entered the Normal class of the A. S. N. S.

## INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL

Rarely have there been more interesting events connected with the Appalachian State Normal than during the past few days. In the first place the faculty had charge, by special request, of the programme of the Chamber of Commerce, which proved to be a most interesting meeting in which a number of vital questions were discussed. Then to the lovers of sports several match games in basketball were played, one between the Normal team and the Rutherford College team in which the score stood 28 to 42 in favor of the Normal team, two others between the Normal team and the Wingate Junior College team in the first of which the Normal team won by a score of 50 to 17 and in the second by a score of 29 to 27. Also a team from the High School Department won over the team from the Cove Creek High.

Another item of interest is the closing of the Demonstration School for the spring, on Monday night with a concert by the fourth, fifth and sixth grades and exercises on Tuesday afternoon at 2 by the seventh grade. Thus closes the first year in the new building and decidedly the very best year in this Department of work.

Still more interesting was the opening of the Spring Term for College work. The High School Department has up to that time had the larger number, but on Tuesday afternoon of the 16th at 2 o'clock the College took first place in the registering of Miss Maye H. Barlow, of Creston Ashe County, and the enrollment in the College is now far ahead. It was recently reported that 156 colleges in the United States had an average increased enrollment of 7 per cent. The Normal College here now has 251 enrolled which is a little more than 97 1/2 per cent over the enrollment at this time last year. The number of students in the College and the High School Department combined is 477, or 102 more than have ever been enrolled for the entire regular term.

This shows a remarkable growth of the Normal College enrollment here, which has been since its inauguration almost 100 per cent for each succeeding year during the regular year, and a very large increase for the Summer School. A large number have already sent in reservations for the coming summer.

Prof. Smith Hagaman recently reported that the average attendance for the public schools of Watauga County for the past year was above the average for the State, the state's average being 74.5 per cent and the average for Watauga 77. And the lowest was not in the mountains, where it is usually expected to be found, but the eastern section of the State, showing that people who speak of the backwardness of the mountain section should be on the alert lest while deploring this they themselves are left behind by the swiftly developing section of the mountains.

On a recent night the Comrades Class of the Methodist Sunday school gave a concert of unusual interest, as shown by the reception given to the different numbers by the crowd present. The receipts go to the finishing of a large room in the dome of the Church for the use of this good class.

## BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

283 were present at Sunday school last Sunday; the contest between the two adult classes shows an increase of interest. 31 were present in the adult women's class and 22 were present in adult men's class.

Make it a point to come out Sunday. We need you. Your presence is an inspiration.

The pastor plans to preach Sunday morning on "God's Call to the Ministry." The gaps are to be filled through prayer and consecration. There are a great many fine Christian boys and young men in the town and at the Normal who ought to consider God's call to the ministry. These young men are invited to hear this special message Sunday at 11 a. m.

Sunday evening at 7 the subject will be "A Warning Against Making a Shipwreck of Faith."

B. Y. P. Us meet 6 p. m.

Girls Auxiliary meets Monday 2:30 p. m. with Miss Leah Ayers, with Mrs. Pearl Hartley, assistant Superintendent as the leader.

A number of ladies of the Womans Missionary leave Tuesday morning of next week for their convention in Raleigh.

Superintendent announced Sunday the Northwestern Baptist Sunday School Convention meets at North Wilkesboro March 11-12. We hope to have every teacher of our Sunday School, together with others to attend. Entertainment will be provided free.